CDXC newsletter

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CLUB NEWS

FROM THE EDITOR This newsletter is scheduled to appear in time for the HF Convention, which once again looks set to be an excellent event as far as the DX fraternity is concerned. Hopefully it will also be an opportunity to push our membership close to the 100 mark.

There have been some significant happenings in the DX world since the last newsletter. These include some surprise DXpeditions such as that to Rotuma by ZL1BQD (even worked on 18MHz by some CDXC members) and to Conway Reef by DJ6SI and others. ZS1IS has been busy giving out Walvis Bay which surely stands a better chance of counting than some of these obscure reefs and islands. And, perhaps most importantly, both the Norwegians and a group of US amateurs have announced plans for expeditions to Bouvet Island; a surfeit of riches! On your behalf, CDXC had already promised a donation of $250 to the Norwegian operation, though the total costs are expected to be as high as $200,000 which, I suppose, may prove impossible to meet. If it comes off the pile-ups are going to be very lively indeed. However, the American announcement puts rather a different slant on things, and it may be that we should not be encouraging the Norwegians to go when another major operation is all set to follow them just two months later. Shades of Heard Island!

The release to UK amateurs of 18 and 24MHz with full privileges has not gone unnoticed by CDXC members. G3KMA, G3OFW, G3HTA and others have been noted in the pile-ups, and both DX News Sheet and RadCom are likely to add these bands to their achievement ladders. Who will be the first CDXC member with 9-band DXCC?

CDXC members continue to pick up the top honours in the DX world. Congratulations to Dave, G4GED, on his 5-band WAZ. Dave tells the tale in the newsletter. Dave just beat me to this one - I worked my last two zones (1 and 19 on ten metres) in late 1988 but the zone 19 card was a little slow to arrive. I think I have also failed to mention Roger, GW4OFQ, who achieved 5BWAZ some time back with very limited antennas. Congratulations also to CDXC Chairman G4LJF who collects the RSGB's ROTAB Trophy (CDXC seems to have a stranglehold on this one nowadays) and to Andrew, G0HSD, a worthy winner of the newly institut-

ed G5RP trophy, awarded not on the basis of absolute achievement but on progress in the DX world within a 12-month period. Finally, belated congratulations to John, G3BRD, who has gained a DXCC for 160m operation.

Your Committee met on 8th September and discussed a number of issues which Ian, G4LJF, reports on elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, welcome to a number of new members. I am losing track of who has joined recently, but a full membership list is included in this issue. Will all members please be sure you pay your subscriptions for 1989/90 at the earliest opportunity; and preferably during the Convention if you haven't already renewed.

Deadline for next newsletter is 18th November 1989. Please try to contribute something. I am especially happy to receive input via packet at GB7WOK or via Telecom Gold on 86:TCJ018 as this saves me having to retype material. DX Editors are welcome to use news items from this newsletter (with due acknowledgement), but please contact the editor if you wish to reproduce a complete article.

Don, G3XTT

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

FROM PHIL, GM4OBK: I'm still working for British Aerospace near Preston and commuting from the new QTH near Stranraer, but hoping to find suitable employment in S.W. Scotland. I'm not very QRV but have a couple of dipoles up on 40/15 and 10. I'm ordering a new heavy-duty P60 Versatower in the next week or so. Strumech told me that prices (held since 1st August 1986) are being looked at and will probably increase soon. About 6 of us from the north-west hope to get down to the HF Convention.

73 de Phil, GM4OBK

FROM JOHN, G4PEO: John has recently produced a QSL Manager List based on information contained in DX News Sheet, issues 1299-1346 (ie the whole of 1988). He has kindly sent me a copy, and it looks very useful indeed as it will save all that chasing back through back issues for the address you need. A further list, covering the first 6 months of 1989 should be available at the HF Convention. John proposes to charge £2-50 per full year and £1-50 per half year to cover photocopying costs and postage. There will be no price reduction for the HF Convention; instead, the money he saves on postage will be donated to the Bouvet effort.

FROM STEVE, GW4BLE: The request in the last issue for submissions to the Wants List resulted in replies from approximately 28% of the membership, which means my initial plan to run more than one list was rather optimistic after all. The resultant table should appear as a supplement to this newsletter or, alternatively, as a centre-fold. Please check your listing for any errors!
G3MXJ, G0DQS, G3NKQ, G4NXG and GM3YOR all suggested various additions

and deletions to the list, mostly dependent on recent activity or availability on different modes. From general consensus therefore it is suggested that the following be dropped from the next table: FT8Z, VU7L; to be replaced by CE0X and ZL8.
For those attending the HF Convention, an extended wants list should be available waiting your input; this will hopefully reflect a more accurate picture for running next issue.

73 de Steve, GW4BLE.

FROM ANDREW, G0HSD: Firstly, I apologise about the lack of a write-up following the Flannan Is. and St.Kilda DXpedition. This will be ready for the next issue. When Don reminded me that the deadline was this weekend I knew it would be impossible to construct anything in a couple of evenings. However, I think I am one of the few members not to write anything about their Amateur Radio "career", so here goes.
I first became interested at the age of eleven, when I met a friend who had a CB set. Fascinated, I bought one. After a couple of years I realised the limitations of the system and became more and more interested in working "DX" (Swindon, Newbury, etc...) and spent many long hours in the middle of the night trying to get just a little bit further.
Another year went past and I became increasingly interested in a certain TH6 and 70ft tower just down the road. The QTH of Don, G3OZF. I knew Don vaguely as my parents knew the Beattie family through various village activities, so one day I plucked up courage, picked up the phone and asked if I might one day have a tour of the shack.
A few days later myself and my father (who was also interested in the beginning - less so when our own garden sprouted aluminium, HI!) were given a comprehensive tour of the amateur bands.
This was it. I had the bug. A few months later I started to study for the RAE. I passed and Don offered to teach me CW with a view to going straight for an "A" licence. CW I found difficult at first, but it soon came and my speed gradually improved. I am also grateful to Don for teaching me some of the skills of chasing and working DX. After each Morse lesson he would cruise the bands and demonstrate such skills as "tail ending", various forms of split operation, and contesting.
So finally the Morse test came and went (thank goodness!) and I was licensed on the 12th June 1987. I bought my first rig a few days before, a TS180S which still use today, and Don lent me a beam (which I also still use today - you'll have it back soon, I promise!). I was loose at last.
Within the first month Don had encouraged me to get some contesting experience, helping him to run GB5CC in the Radiosport contest. By the end of the second month I had worked DXCC and made a lot of friends.
I joined CDXC in the December and have been lucky enough to be in contact with many of the top DXers in the country, who have given advice and helped me progress along the DXCC trail.
In 1988 I went to the LA DX Group Convention in Norway and this year I went to Dayton. At both these events I had a great time. I enjoy meeting the people at the other end of the mic. wherever it may be. I was particularly impressed with Iris and Lloyd Colvin who have inspired me to take a rig on my forthcoming trip around the world. Nothing like the scale of theirs of course.
This year I have been on my first DXpedition, to St.Kilda and, a new

one for IOTA, the Flannan Isles with G3XTT, G3ZAY, G1XMO, G6OQA and G6VMA. I found it a little strange being on the other end of the pile-up but I will expand on this next time. This year has also seen the purchase of my first linear, a TL922, which has saved a lot of time that would otherwise have been spent calling into the ether for hours, and has brought my score up to 255 mixed mode.
I have recently acquired a computer and I hope to be active on the packet cluster system from day one. This I think we are all looking forward to, and I'm sure will be of tremendous help to CDXC members and, possibly, most of the country in years if not months to come.
OK, that's it from me. I hope to become a more regular contributor in the future and I will try to be a little more active on the bands than I have been of late (that slave driver of a boss you know!). Many thanks to you all for all your help,, and especially to Don, G3OZF, who has given me the best possible start in Amateur radio.
Best 73 - see you at Oxford!

Andrew, G0HSD

FROM DAVE G4GED: Thought it was about time I wrote a few lines for the Newsletter, especially as I shall miss the Convention this year. We should be holidaying in the Florida Keys about then. I've made a special effort this year and applied for a W4 licence in good time, it might even arrive before we leave home! I haven't made any plans to visit W4 DXers yet, but may do so once I get QRV on 2 metre FM out there.
The XYL and I had a smashing time over in XE-land earlier this year. We spent a week in Mexico City which was very interesting. Whoever wrote that the city is choked with smog and traffic has obviously never been to London. The place was beautiful and the weather sunny and springlike, you can stick London in comparison (to anywhere!). I wasn't able to operate because there is no reciprocal agreement but, one evening, Vic,
XE1VIC, a very well known big time XE-DXer, collected us from our hotel and took us to a lovely restaurant where we spent a super time being entertained by the local DX gang, which included Memo XE1NJ President of LMRE, no less! We spent the following week in Acapulco, stopping off for a couple of nights on the way in the silver mining town of Taxco, which is very typically colonial Mexico. Acapulco was just fantastic, a tropical jewel. When lazing on the beach, it was easy to imagine Revilla Gigedo and Clipperton out there over the horizon! Throughout our travels, all the Mexicans we met, rich and poor, were very easy going and pleasant towards us, especially once they knew we were Ingles. They do seem to have a bit of a soft spot for the English. I think they still imagine us as the bowler and brolly brigade. I just hope the Brit Lager Louts never get there to spoil it. All in all Mexico is a super holiday destination and we only covered a fraction...
The most DX-citing thing to happen to me this year was completion of 5-band WAZ (all 2xSSB) by at last working Zone 31 on 80 metres. It's funny how things happen in this hobby. I've been hunting for that zone/band for years and was beginning to think it would never turn up and then.. end up making two QSOs within a couple of weeks!! One evening in mid-April I worked Dave, KX6DS, on 3795kHz. I'd been monitoring that frequency/time where he'd been appearing for about 10 days, but without any propagation. On the last day, Dave's signal rose

out of the noise for only 3 or 4 minutes, just long enough for us to make a quick solid QSO. Wow, was that something to celebrate, and the XYL and I did, with a bottle of bubbly that had been waiting for the occasion since Xmas!!!
Less than a couple of weeks later, I half-heartedly rose from bed early one morning to switch the rig on and hear a pile-up on 3795kHz. We'd exchanged 5/7 reports before I'd really woken up to the fact that it was WL7E/KH6! I'm glad another CDXC member was on frequency to confirm that I hadn't been dreaming, because one couldn't have asked for a more easy and solid QSO with such a rare one.
As a matter of interest, before these QSOs took place, in desperation I had been compiling a chart outlining the most favourable times for grey-line propagation into the main Zone 31 areas on 80 metres, in fortnightly steps throughout the year. I used both my DX-edge and a Spectrum computer grey-line program which is slightly more accurate. I must have been on the right track, because both my 80m QSOs took place within 5 minutes of the time I had calculated as being the grey-line propagation peak...!
Anyway, since then all 200 QSLs have been checked and safely returned and the highly prized certificate, which I consider to be the most prestigious award next to Honor Roll, arrived last week.
By the way, if any member wonders why their 1989 subscription cheque has taken so long to clear, it's just due to the delay involved in setting up a new bank account to go with my new CDXC post as Treasurer.
Hope CU all soon, in and out of the pile-ups.

73 de Dave, G4GED

FROM STEVE, G4JVG: In July Drew, GM3YOR, and I operated for two weeks from near Bodrum in Turkey as TA3/G4JVG and TA3/GM3YOR. We believe this was the first operation by any foreigners in Turkey under the C.E.P.T. licence, which Turkey and the UK ratified on 1st January. Since then, a note in RadCom suggested that the Turks still wanted to sort out one or two administrative details and so the C.E.P.T. arrangement was no longer valid. However, at the time we went the DTI, RSGB and Turkish amateur radio association all told me that the agreement was in force, so we trust our operation will count for DXCC!
Operation was from a hotel apartment consisting of one very large lounge and dining room with kitchenette, a separate bedroom with twin beds, private loo and shower room and a large verandah, which proved ideal for outdoor operating during daylight hours. There were also two divan-type beds in the lounge, so the apartments were really designed for self-catering accommodation for families of four. The only negative aspect was that the walls were apparently very thin and the hotel was in a very quiet area, so this limited the amount of SSB operation after 11 p.m. local time (2000 GMT), although Drew had several through-the-night sessions on 40 and 80 CW.
Equipment consisted of a TS430S and Butternut HF2V antenna, plus dipoles for 10-15-20 metres. Conditions generally during the operation were fairly poor, with 10 metres hardly opening at all. Although Europeans reported several good early morning openings to the Pacific (Bing Crosby was QRV from Rotuma while we were in Turkey), we worked very few stations from that area. On many occasions I wish we had more power or an HF beam available, as Stateside or JA stations were audi-

ble, but were just not calling us. The Butternut vertical (which was mounted on the flat roof of the two-storey apartment block, about 30 foot up) worked very well indeed. Judging by the pile-ups, our signal was pretty competitive on 40 metres, and Drew even worked several Stateside stations on 80 CW, which we found fairly impressive, given the mid-summer propagation conditions.
The wx was naturally very hot for the whole two weeks, but with very low humidity, even though we were only a matter of yards from the sea. What surprised me was that virtually every day there was a howling gale and on more than one occasion I was convinced that the Butternut (which was totally un-guyed) was going to develop a permanent banana shape and that it would be impossible to get it back into its very small box for the flight back home. My fears were unfounded, and it is a credit to the manufacturers that the antenna can stand winds like that and still telescope down into a five foot length.
Despite the conditions, the general lack of night-time operating, and lengthy sessions around the pool with a raki or Efes beer in hand, we made almost 3,000 QSOs. In particular, it was a pleasure to work Roger, G3LQP, on all bands and both modes (except 10 metres). British DXers who have never operated from outside the UK would probably be amazed by the number of newly-licensed G stations active on the HF bands. Listening on the bands from the UK you just get no idea of the G's around. Unfortunately (if you are on an expedition) most of them insist on telling you their name and QTH and spelling them, phonetically, twice (even if they are in Ashby-de-la-Zouche or Moreton-in-the-Marsh, and even with 59+ signals) before telling you about their rig and antenna (almost always a half-size G5RV). One G station, having bust a smallish pile-up, had what turned out to be a six-minute over, before putting it back to me, at which time he said he still did not have my callsign and could I repeat it please! However, in general I was disappointed about the amount of interest the TA3 callsigns generated - the pile-ups were not as large as anticipated, though it was nice to be able to give some new DXers a new country and somewhat more experienced DXers a new band-country.
It has taken three weeks to get QSL samples from the printers: I hope QSLs will be available quite soon.
Thanks to Turkish Delight holidays and Sukru and his family at the Farilya Apartments in Gundogan for putting up with our antics (and for not complaining when we interfered with their telephones).

GB50MON

During the last couple of weeks of August I was one of several operators of GB50MON, which celebrated BBC Monitoring's 50th anniversary. The trusty TA3/G4JVG Butternut vertical was once again utilised, but this time instead of dipoles, a TH5 beam at 60 ft was used on the HF bands. The antennas performed very well, with the TH5 getting through very large pile-ups on CY0DXX, 9N1MM and HS0AIT on the first or second call in each case. In all, we made some 1,020 QSOs with 85 countries, despite appalling conditions most of the time, with one major Sudden Ionospheric Disturbance after another. Apart from the pleasure of operating with a semi-rare prefix (only one other GB50 has ever been issued before, GB50RAF), it was good to "officiate" while several class B licensees did some operating on the HF bands. One in particular has become very keen - especially on topband - and has a Morse test booked for the last week in September, so it could be that there

will be a new callsign appearing on 144.525 and looking for the HF DX soon. I am handling the QSLs for GB50MON - they have already been printed, courtesy of the BBC, and feature a drawing of the 17th century mansion at Caversham park where BBC Monitoring is based, with what looks like a TH9 protruding from the building (a little artistic licence there!). All recipients of QSLs are invited to write for a free sample copy of the BBC's "World Broadcasting Information" which has news of developments (technical, political and programming) of radio, TV, news agencies and satellites. Sincere thanks to G3XTT for loan of the TH5 beam!

Christmas Dinner. It may seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas, but an evening social event has been booked at Ye Olde Swan, Summer Road, Thames Ditton on Saturday 2nd December - meeting at 1845 local time for dinner at 1930. Last year's Christmas dinner there was enjoyed by all concerned, and was well attended, so make a note of the date now. Please let me know if you (and XYLs/YLs are very welcome too) can come - if possible before 17th November and definitely by 24th November. I look forward to seeing you all there.

CQ World Wide SSB Contest. A large group of mainly CDXC members will be operating as GJ6UW in the CQ World Wide SSB Contest, which this year falls on 28th-29th October. We will be trying for the top place European multi-operator single-transmitter so please do look for us and give us a point (don't forget that G is a separate country from GJ and so a QSO on each band would give us hundreds of extra points. Also G, GM and GW on each of the six bands would give us 18 additional multipliers, so even if you are not normally a contest operator, please think of us and come on to give us some additional points: even QSOs with G's are very important!)

73 de Steve, G4JVG

OPERATION FROM SOUTH GEORGIA
VP8BRR Tony Williams & VP8BRT Steve Rodwell
"Bird Island"

Bird Island is to the N/W of South Georgia, and is about 400 metres away from the main island. The island is 5km x 1km, with the highest point on the north coast reaching a height of 399m. This is called La Roche. This north coast consists of precipitous cliffs, and from here the island slopes to the south, which is where all the beaches and breeding grounds are to be found. Most of the island is covered with tussock grass.

The base itself consist of the main building, 18m x 5m, larger than last year as two new extensions have been built this year. There is also the generator shed and the food store. Generally speaking, the living quarters are quite warm and comfortable. The temperatures around the island are not too inhospitable, with winter temperatures falling to -10C and in summer to around +12C.

The operation from Bird Island was carried out by Tony and Steve, who are both biologists with the British Antarctic Survey Group. Neither Tony nor Steve were licensed UK amateurs, but both received full VP8 licences, issued from the Falklands.

Bird Island is a breeding ground for penguins, gulls and seals. The

DXCC TOP 50 "WANTED" [last update: SEP 89]	A5	C9	CE0Z	D2	ET	FO0.C	FR/G	FR/J	FR/T	FT8Z	HK0.M	J2/A	KC6.W	KC6.E	KH1	KH3	KH4	KH5.K	KH5.P	KH9
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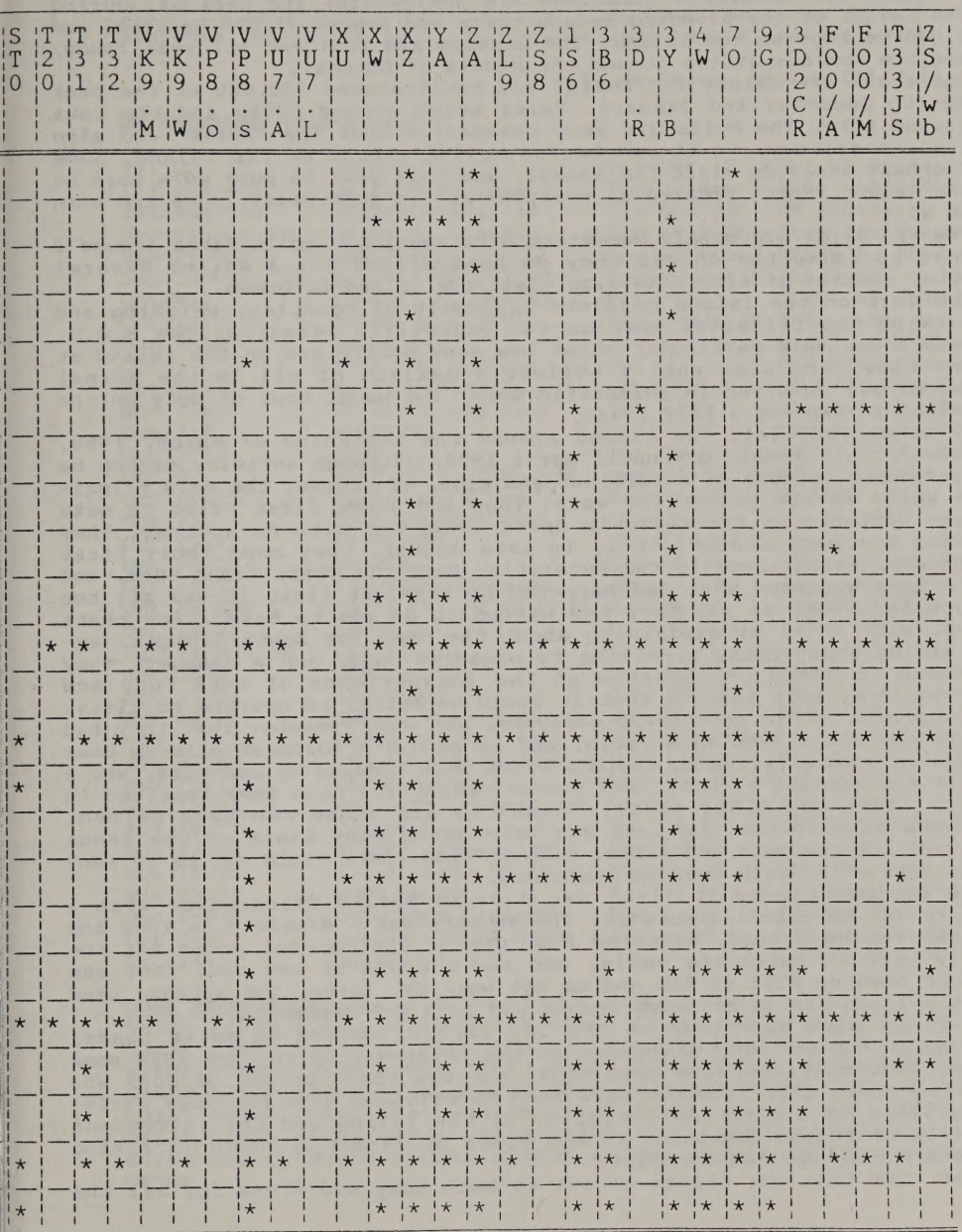
ALERT

1) General call on 144.525 MHz FM



PROCEDURE

) "Two Bells" (3) Telephone call direct

Penguins are Macaronis (Italians are everywhere) and Genkoos. During the height of the breeding season there are around 75,000 Macaroni and 3,000 Genkoos on the island. The Genkoos are resident all year round, and the Genkoos arrive around the middle of October.
The seals are mainly fur seals, and total around 250,000 at the peak during December and January. Males weigh around 200kg and the cows around 60kg. The bulls are very possessive over the "harem" and also their territory, so it can be fun moving around on the island. Some Elephant seals do visit the island, and this year 15 pups were born on the island, which pleased as everyone as, in some years, none are born at all.
The sea birds are mainly Wandering Albatross, but as it takes around 1 year to raise the chicks they do hang around for a while. Several other species of Albatross also visit the island to breed.
The work on the island consists basically of counting, weighing and marking the different species for scientific research. The B.A.S. people are very particular about how many people are on the island at one time, and also who. I believe a maximum of six is the normal quota, all involved in scientific work. The usual tour of duty on the island is two and a half years.
Although Tony left the island around the beginning of March, 1989, Steve should remain QRV until April 1990, although activity cannot be guaranteed because of conditions and also, of course, the main priority which is the scientific work. Tony and Steve first tried to make some contacts on the radio in April 1988, but with no success. They tried for many months until, in late August, they made their first contact, Palmer Base in the Antarctic. Next the DXers found them, and the lads wondered what had happened to them. At first it was all too much for them, as all they had wanted to do was to have a few chats but, with a lot of explaining about the need for South Georgia, explaining about QSLs, promising to organise cards and a manager, they agreed to carry on. Because of the inexperience of both Tony and Steve, they both thought that it would be better to operate to lists. Although this did not please everyone, you must remember that they had never before spoken on a radio, and to handle a European pile-up does require some experience. The QSL cards were donated by amateurs, who I will not mention by call, and several donations have been received to help cover any other costs. Thanks to all those who have helped. Thanks also to the stations who have spent many hours on the bands organising the nets and lists. Without them there would not be as many amateurs with South Georgia confirmed.
The equipment used at first was a Drake TR4310 transceiver with a Drake MN2700 matching network. The antenna was a dipole 7.1m long and 2m above the ground, oriented E-W. One of the support poles was the pole used to catch the seals, and had a noose at one end. Tony and Steve have no RTTY or FAX and do not work CW. Later, the antenna used was a 17.2m dipole 9m above ground and in a N-S direction.
Contacts have been made on the 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metre bands, although not too many Europeans on the LF bands. Up to June 1989 some 3500-4000 contacts have been made; not bad for a couple of guys who wanted to go QRT. Problems have been experienced with the logs arriving. This is due to the isolation of the island and the infrequent visits of boats. Something in the order of 75-80% of stations making contact have applied for QSLs.
I am sure that our thanks go out to both Tony and Steve for all the

activity from South Georgia, and I am sure that they have made many amateurs very happy and made many friends in the amateur world.

73 & 88 de Hazel, G4YLO (QSL Manager)

DX CALENDAR (*Tnx G4DYO*)

Til Oct 10	JX7DFA	Til Oct 15	CI, CY prefixes
Til end-Nov	JW7FD Bear Island	Til 30 Nov	DXNS CHALLENGE
Til Aug '90	W0ZX/KL7 Adak Is	Til Dec '90	ZM prefix by ZL's
Sep 21-Oct 19	9H3EH by DL2GBT	Sep 26-2 Oct	Atol Das Rocas PY0
Sep 26-Oct 3	VS6CT/KP2A	Sep 29-Oct 2	XX9SW by KU9C
Sep 29-Feb '90	World trip OE2CHN	Sep 30-Oct 8	TA4/G3SDL on 6m
Oct-May	Pacific by SM7PKK	Oct 1-4	3D2ML by OH4ML
Oct 1-12	A92BE very QRV	Oct 1-Nov 30	PA60 prefixes
Oct 5-18	OH4ML/H44	Oct 6-8	NA-51 KD7SO/VE7
Oct 7	IRSA SSB Contest	Oct 7	FOC DINNER LONDON
Oct 7-8	AS-41 JA3EMU/4	Oct 7-8	SP DX Convention
Oct 7-8	VK/ZL/OC SSB Ctst	Oct 7-8	California QSO Party
Oct 7-8	W3USS/P	Oct 7-10	S89DX by ZS group
Oct 7-15	TH9A	Oct 7-16	YL2RG by UQ1GXX
Oct 8	RSGB 10/15 SSB Ctst	Oct 13-15	SA-17 Gorgona Is ?
Oct 14-15	VK/ZL/OC CW Cts	Oct 14-20	WB2DND in A6
Oct 15	RSGB 15m CW Ctst	Oct 19-22	SA-30 CW0L
Oct 19-22	LX/PA3DKC	Oct 19-Nov 23	Pacific by OH's
Oct 20-22	TP40CE	Oct 20-31	V63AD by JA7HMZ
Oct 21-22	Y2 CW/SSB Contest	Oct 22-31	PJ St Maarten
Oct 23-Nov 2	3D2 S Cal DX Club	Oct 24-30	P40A by N1GL
Oct 24-31	V44QQ by W's	Oct 24-Nov 7	A35ML by OH4ML
Oct 24-Nov 24	XL3 prefix	Oct 25-Nov 1	J3 by W's
Oct 26-?	VK9L by W's	Oct 26-29	Marsh Is by W5's
Oct 27-30	J88/W9NSZ	Oct 28-29	A35VB by OH's
Oct 28-29	SWL HF Challenge	Oct 28-29	CQWW SSB
Nov	TE90M ? Cocos Is	Nov-Nov '90	FT-X by F6EUX
Nov 4-14	ZK3 by OH's/SM7PKK	Nov 9-20	UG-G Oblast 004
Nov 10-13	NA-02 by W1GAY	Nov 11-12	OK DX Contest
Nov 11-12	WAE RTTY Contest	Nov 11-12	NA-34 KO4J
Nov 16	PJ5EUX	Nov 16-27	5W1HK by SM7PKK
Nov 17-19	SEANET Convention	Nov 18-19	RSGB 160m Contest
Nov 18-19	All Austria CW Ctst	Nov 25-26	SWL HF Challenge
Nov 25-26	CQWW CW Contest	Nov 28-Dec 4	ZK1/S by OH4ML
Dec 1-3	ARRL 160m Contest	Dec 1-12	CT500 calls
Dec 2-3	Spanish DX CW Ctst	Dec 9-10	ARRL 10m Contest
Dec 24-?	BOUVET ISLAND	Jan	S Sand by W's??

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From The Chairman

Ian Shepherd G4LJF

Hello Everyone,

A lot has happened since the last News Letter, and we are making good progress towards meeting some of the objectives that I outlined last time. We also had a Committee meeting on the 8th September, and I think it will be of interest to use the agenda as a basis for letting you all know what is going on.

Trophies

As you will remember, it was decided at the last ARM to provide a trophy for the leading UK Single Op Multi Band entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contests, starting with this year. We are looking for a good supplier of Trophies, so if you know of anyone that can do us a good deal, then please let G3XTT know.

We have publicized our sponsorship by sending a Packet Bulletin to every Bulletin Board in the country, notifying GB2RS, and asking for a note to appear in Radio Communication.

Discussion also took place on the GW0BIC Memorial Trophy. Thanks to everyone who has contributed, and we hope to hear further from John Forward on the subject. One of the difficulties we envisage is how the recipient of this forthcoming trophy will,be decided? If you have any views, then please let John know.

Club Net

Well John has been on every Monday since we decided to start it again, and has spoken to only one other Club Member! Come on every one, give John some reward for his efforts. You don't have to hang around long, but please drop in and say hello. Just to remind you the time and frequency is:

7 pm local time Mondays 3.773 Mhz

HF Convention

Preparations for Oxford were discussed, and it was noted that some of our newer Members had sent photos etc to put on our display. We would of course like everyone to be featured, so although it will be too late for this year, if you have a photo or even a QSL card you can spare, then send it to Roger Brown G3LQP for inclusion in our collection.

Packet Cluster Alert System

Big progress here! After much correspondence with RSGB and the Packet Working Group, I have been given the go ahead to set the system up. In order to satisfy the band plan, the Cluster, which will have the callsign GB7DXI (Dx Info), will reside on 4 metres.

BUT..... by installing a dual port TNC at GB7DXI, which is already ordered, you will be able to access the system via WOK2 netrom on 144.675!

Of course, it will always be better to come in on 4M, as the QRM is much lower, and I am furiously writing to the IBA,BBC and Mercury to see if we can set up a digipeater on one of their towers to give better 4M coverage. Sites in mind are Wells, Mendip and Crystal Palace masts. If anyone has any influence with these sites, or any other for that matter, then please get in touch with me on 0734-780022.

Meanwhile, Phil Godbold G4UDU has very kindly offered to put a 4M didgi up at Handcross in West Sussex, which should give a link in from those in the SE. If anyone is interested in helping Phil with this repeater, then please contact him on 0903-814516 in the evenings.

I have ordered the software, and as a fillip to the Club, I have asked that the sign on message says "Welcome to The Chiltern Dx Club Dx Information Cluster Network". Don G3XTT has very kindly lent me an IBM computer to run the Cluster on, and we should have the software and hardware together by mid October.

The only thing left to be decided now is the exact frequency we shall have on 4M. This is in the hands of the VHF Committee, and it has been recommended to them by the PWG that we are allocated 70.325, which will be an almost exclusive frequency as the main Packet frequency on 4M is 70.4875. Please don't rush out and buy new crystals until this has been confirmed.

The DTI will allow an unattended operation from 1st Jan '90, meanwhile, I will be able to run the system in an attended mode as soon as I have everything set up.

This is just the beginning of an exciting new era in Dx'ing, and will bring us into line with the what the American's have been enjoying for some time now.

Of course, the long term objective will be to expand the network to cover as much of the UK as possible, but this will cost money to implement. I have already spent over £200 on the software and hardware to get GB7DXI up and running, so any contributions fund raising ideas or sources of free equipment will be most gratefully received. If we are to establish digipeaters on commercial towers, then we need type approved Low Band transceivers,such as the Tate 520. A Pye Westminster will just not do at these locations.

I will be circulating full operating details and routings etc as soon as we are go for lift off, meanwhile, this might be a very good reason to check in to the Club Net for any updates!

Club Prospectus

Roger Brown has agreed to take this on, and hope to have something ready for Oxford. I would like to see a two colour quality leaflet produced in the long run, rather like an election manifesto. Does anyone have a tame printer who could help us out? o7 3 (This is beyond HTA's resources I am afraid).

Affiliation to RSGB

The paper work has been done, and has been sent to HQ. We should hear something back within the next month.

Club Badges

John Forward G3HTA has put a great deal of time and effort into producing a badge

for every member in the Club, plus some extra's for newcomers. The results are excellent. THank you very much John for your patience and all the hard work. We will now have a badge that will stand out in a crowd. Badges will be distributed to those attending Oxford, and the rest with this News Letter.

Club QSL Cards

Well, I asked for ideas for the colour photo to be used for the front the Club card, but I have had no replies! Does this indicate that no one is interested in an attractive Club QSL card? In the meantime, rather that throw the idea out, Dave Richardson came up with the brilliant idea of approaching the British Tourist Board to see whether they had a suitable photo that would be an impartial representation of all our membership. More information as we get it, but PLEASE, if you have something suitable, then send it to me.

Bouvet

As you know, the proposed Bouvet operation by LA1EE needs to raise $200,000! So far they have received individual donations of up to $5000 each! We discussed supporting the expedition at some length, and the outcome is that we will be donating $250 subject to the expedition leaving Norway. The logistics of putting Bouvet on the air are quite daunting, and I believe with the Peter 1st track record in mind, we are right in helping Einar on his way.

Don't forget that you can also make a personnel donation to Club Bouvet, Box 88 1361 Billingstadsletta, Norway.

Applications from USSR

We have had two requests from Soviet Hams to join CDXC. The difficulty is that we cannot afford to support 'soft currency' members, and it was felt that once we admitted the first Soviet member, we would be flooded with applications. Many of these might be seeking an easy QSL route, and so we decided that we should discourage applications from these countries.

CDXC is essentially a UK Dx Club and for those Dx'ers who are regular visitors to the UK. It could be that we make an exceptional Russian Ham an Honorary Member at some time in the future.

Certificate Of Merit

We will be updating this certificate, as soon as I can find the computer time! We decide to award Martti Laine OH2BH the certificate for his outstanding contribution to Dx'ing over the years.

Social Events

It was decided to hold a gathering for dinner on the first Saturday in December (2nd). The last event was moved further west to make it more convenient for those living well West, but it did not entice anyone to make the journey. This is perhaps understandable in view of the fact that we all enjoy a good drink, so it was decided that the Christmas do ought to revert to Thames Ditton. No doubt those in the West country will organize their own get together. May everyone have a very good time!

Finale

To complete the months work, I have knocked up some new Club stationary and application forms, and also bought a scanner which allows me to import photos to the Desk Top Publisher. This will I hope allow me to contribute some cartoons etc to brighten up our reading! I couldn't resist the G4DYO one! Sorry Bren!

Finally, congratulations to Roger GW4OFQ and Dave G4GED in joining the ranks of GIQ, LJF & XTT in obtaining the 5 Band WAZ 200! Dave in particular, has achieved this very difficult award with severe QTH restrictions. Also, although I have not heard John Lunn G3BRD for quite a while, I believe he has worked well over 100 countries on 160M Well done John.

Well that's it for now. I hope you have a good time at the convention. Regrettably, I shall not be able to attend as I am flying to Tortola on the 30th to skipper one of the British Airways entries in the Interline Regatta there.

Now that I have finished, I will switch the radio on!

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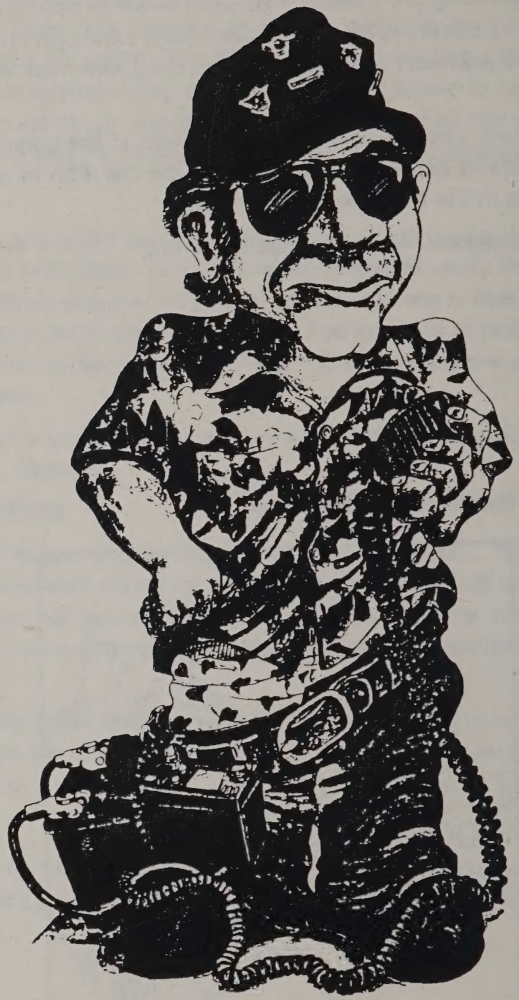
Herman / by Jim Unger

"You never seen a ham operator before?"



Is this Brendan McCartney?

Contribution G4LJF